

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 25-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hackman et al. (USP 2,806,127). The Examiner next rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hackman et al.

Claims 9-24 are allowed.

While Applicant believes the remaining claims are patentably distinct over the prior art of record, as previously set forth, in order to expedite examination, Claims 1 and 25 are hereby amended in accordance with the Examiner's explanation for allowance of Claims 9-24 in the aforementioned last Office Action.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-28.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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General Authorization and Extension of Time

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2623. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by credit card authorization being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2623. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2623. Please consider this a general authorization to charge any fee that is due in this case, if not otherwise timely paid, to Deposit Account No. 50-2623.

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